

BRITISH ENTER COMBLES AFTER A HEAVY DRIVE

London Official Report Says They Are Overcoming the Resistance of the Germans in the Beleaguered Place—French Have Reached the Combles Cemetery

ONLY ONE NARROW OUTLET FOR GERMANS

French Have Nearly Pocketed the Germans in the Town by Capturing Fregicourt a Mile to the East—Allies Advanced On a 15 Mile Front

British and French troops to-day reached the town of Combles on the Somme front, after having virtually pocketed the place in a struggle of many weeks' duration, and are fighting to gain complete possession. Attacking from the north, the British troops have forced their way into the place, London reports, and are overcoming German resistance there. On the south, the French have reached the town's edge and penetrated the cemetery. In addition, they have further closed the small opening left in the Combles pocket by capturing all of the village of Fregicourt, a mile to the east.

While the great battle on the Somme front was at its height, the Germans last night attacked the French lines at Verdun, driving in between Thiaumont work and Fleury to the east of the Meuse. Paris to-day announces that the French were effective in checking the German assaults.

Combles, a town on the Somme of 2,000 population before the war, had been rendered of small strategic importance to the allies by a long-continued encircling movement. It has been of notable value to the Germans, however, because as long as they clung to it Franco-British freedom of action in pushing offensive movements toward Bapaume and Peronne on either side of it was hampered. Turned into a strongly fortified position by German ingenuity, it has persistently held like a rock in the course of a turbulent stream that had been blasted loose before the channel was fully opened up.

London, Sept. 26.—The British have entered Combles on the Somme front and are overcoming the resistance of the Germans, the war office announced to-day.

Paris, Sept. 26.—Continuing their offensive north of the Somme, the French last night captured all of the village of Fregicourt and penetrated the Combles cemetery.

BERLIN ADMITS LOSSES ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Berlin, by wireless, Sept. 26.—Successes were achieved by the Anglo-French forces on the Somme front last night to the east of Eaucourt and L'Abbaye, north of Flers, says the official statement to-day. The conquest of the villages on the line of Gaudecourt and Bouchavesne, the statement adds, must be recognized.

Russian troops yesterday made six successive attacks in strong forces against Austro-German positions near Manajov in Galicia, the statement says, but the attacks failed under the heaviest losses for the Russians.

The Rumanian troops have again occupied the heights on both sides of the Szurdok and Vulcan passes in Transylvania, the statement says. German troops repulsed all Rumanian attacks against the passes but were withdrawn according to army orders, it declares.

BRITISH LOSSES SMALL

In Comparison with the Results, Says British Statement.

London, Sept. 26.—The British official report last night was as follows:

"South of the Ancre our troops attacked Monday and have been everywhere successful. Enemy positions were stormed on a front of about six miles between Combles and Martinpuich to a depth of more than a mile.

"The strongly fortified villages of Morval and Lesbouffs, together with several lines of trenches, have fallen into our hands.

"The village of Morval stands on the heights north of Combles and with its subterranean quarries, trenches and wire entanglements constituted a formidable fortress. The possession of these villages is of considerable military importance and practically severs the enemy's communication with Combles.

"A large number of prisoners, machine guns and other war material were taken. Heavy losses were inflicted on the enemy. In comparison with the results, our losses have been so far comparatively small.

"On Sunday six enemy aeroplanes in air flights and at least three others were driven to the earth damaged. Three of our machines are missing."

SPAIN PROTESTS TO GERMANY

Sends Note Finding Fault with Practice of German Submarines in Torpedoing Spanish Steamers.

Madrid, via Paris, Sept. 26.—The Spanish government has sent a note to Berlin protesting against the practice of German submarines in torpedoing Spanish steamers.

FEARING CONVICTION ON ARSON CHARGE, SHE SHOT HERSELF

Mrs. Ellen Phillips, Who Was to Be Tried in Chittenden County Court To-day for Alleged Arson, Fired Two Shots from a Revolver.

Burlington, Sept. 26.—Mrs. Ellen Phillips, who was to be tried in Chittenden county court to-day on the charge of arson, shot herself twice yesterday afternoon while at the house of Judson Clark in Underhill, where she was employed as a housekeeper. The woman told in her conscious moments after the shooting that she did the act because she feared conviction in county court.

The shooting took place in the Clark household and Mrs. Phillips fell to the floor, recovering somewhat later so that she was able to enter the house, pass through the kitchen and go to her bedroom, where she got into bed. There she was found by Robert Clark, the nine-year-old son of Judson Clark, on his return from school. The bedclothing and pillow were saturated with blood by that time.

Being perfectly conscious, Mrs. Phillips told the boy to run to the house of Fred P. Tillotson next door and get Mrs. Tillotson. Both Mr. and Mrs. Tillotson and also John H. Mable, selectman, who was working nearby, rushed to the Clark house. Mr. Clark was employed for the day in another part of the town. Drs. F. B. Hunt and A. L. Fogg, the latter the town health officer, did what they could and later caused the woman's removal to the Fanny Allen hospital. Mrs. Phillips said she fired two shots at her head, one bullet entering the head just back of the left ear and the other grazing the top of her head. An antiquated 32-calibre revolver was used, and when the weapon was found in the kitchen, where the woman had dropped it in making her unsteady progress from the woodshed to the bedroom, it was found to contain two exploded cartridges.

Mrs. Phillips evidently planned to kill herself because she wrote out the addresses of her son, Clayton Phillips of Starksboro, and her daughter, Mrs. Henry Sweet of Bristol, and left the paper in a conspicuous place on the kitchen table. She has four brothers, Albert, George, Sylvester and Loren Streeter of Bolton, and she did not care last evening to have them notified. She is the widow of Henry Phillips and 60 years of age.

Mrs. Phillips was accused of setting fire to her barn in West Bolton on December 7, 1915. It was alleged by the state that at the time the fire was at its height, Mrs. Phillips was dressed and ready to take the stage. It was charged that she set the fire to get the insurance of \$700. Last night notification was sent to the witnesses in the case not to appear in county court to-day.

PERSHING TO SUCCEED MILLS.

As Major-General, Not, However Affecting His Mexican Duties.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 26.—Secretary Baker announced yesterday that the president would nominate Brig. Gen. Pershing, commander of the American expeditionary forces in Mexico to be a major-general to fill the vacancy created by the death of Major-General Mills.

Colonels Eben Swift of the general staff; Francis H. French of the 21st infantry; Edwin St. John Greble of the 6th field artillery, and Charles G. Treat of the general staff, will become brigadier-generals, succeeding General Pershing, and Granger Adams, Montgomery McComb and F. W. Sibley, who are to be retired. General Pershing's promotion does not affect his assignment as commander of the expeditionary forces in Mexico.

The president will send the nomination to Congress next December.

of Fregicourt, one mile northeast of Combles. In addition trenches near Fregicourt, in the vicinity of Bouchavesne and to the south of the village of the canal Du Nord to the Somme were taken.

The capture of Morval by the British and of part of Fregicourt by the French apparently sealed the fate of Combles, which the Germans have solidly held for weeks despite the violent attacks thrown against it. The defenders of the virtually surrounded town have left to them for escape only the valley, a mile in width, running north-northeast and in the traversing of which they must come under the guns of the British and French respectively from Morval and the vicinity of Fregicourt.

400 GERMANS CAPTURED.

In the French Operations Monday, Says Official Report.

Paris, Sept. 26.—The French official report last night was as follows:

"North of the Somme the battle was renewed Monday with violence along the Anglo-French front. The French infantry, assuming the offensive about noon, simultaneously attacked the German positions at Combles and Rancourt and defenses held by the enemy from the latter village as far as the Somme.

"Northeast of Combles we carried out lines to the outskirts of Fregicourt and captured all the strongly organized ground between that hamlet and Hill 148. The village of Rancourt also fell into our power.

"East of the Bethune road we extended our positions to a depth of about one kilometer from the Combles road to as far as Bouchavesne, carried by assaults a hill northeast of that village and reached to the southeast of Hill 130. Farther south we carried several systems of trenches in the vicinity of the Canal du Nord from the Bethune road as far as the Somme.

"The number of unwounded prisoners taken by us and counted up to the present exceeds 400."

An assault was repelled by the French east of Vaux-Chapelle wood at Verdun.

RESIGNS FROM GREEK ARMY.

Gen. Moschopoulos, Chief of Staff, Said to Have Quit.

London, Sept. 26.—General Constantine Moschopoulos, chief of staff of the Greek army, has resigned, according to a Reuters' dispatch from Athens.

29 DEAD IN RAID BY AIR

The German Zeppelins Last Night Made the Second Attack on England Within a Week and Inflicted Many Casualties in Northeastern Section of England

SIX AIRSHIPS SAID TO HAVE PARTICIPATED

Crossed the East and Northeast Coasts and Dropped Bombs in the Northern Counties Between Hours of 10:30 and Midnight

London, Sept. 26.—Twenty-nine persons were killed in last night's Zeppelin raid, it was announced officially to-day.

The official statement says the Zeppelins made no attempt to approach London. The principal attack was aimed against the industrial centers in the north midlands, but the raiders were driven off by anti-aircraft guns in several cases. No damage to factories or works of military importance was reported, but a number of small houses and cottages were wrecked or damaged.

The Zeppelin raid last night, the second within the last week, was made by several airships between 10:30 o'clock and midnight. They crossed over the east and northeast coasts and dropped bombs in the northern counties. Six airships are said to have participated.

FIVE GERMAN AEROPLANES LOST

And Others Were Badly Damaged in 47 Aerial Engagements on the Somme Front, Says Paris Official Report.

Paris, Sept. 26.—On the Somme front yesterday there were 47 aerial engagements. The war office announced to-day that five German aeroplanes were brought down and others were badly damaged.

YORK BEACH HAS FIRE.

Whole Business Section Was Threatened at One Time.

York Beach, Me., Sept. 26.—Fire in the heart of the business section here which threatened to wipe out the entire resort, broke out a little after 8 o'clock last night, and completely destroyed the Arcade theatre, a dwelling house and two stores and damaged several other buildings, causing a loss estimated at \$25,000.

Firemen from Portsmouth, York Village, York Harbor and Ogunquit fought valiantly for several hours and the fire was under control shortly before midnight. That the resort was saved is attributed to the fact that there was only a light breeze blowing.

The fire originated in the Arcade theatre, from an unknown cause, and was discovered by Harley Ellis. Before help arrived, flames had spread to the dwelling house occupied by Mrs. Samuel Springer, who is the proprietor of the Arcade theatre, and Mrs. Springer and her daughter were forced to flee with only the clothing they wore. A barber shop owned by Ray Avery and a Japanese novelty store owned by T. Tsubayashi soon were afire and in a little while were a glowing mass of ruins.

REWARDS PAID

For the Discovery of Mr. and Mrs. Dennison.

Dixville Notch, N. H., Sept. 26.—The guides and woodsmen whose perseverance saved the lives of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Dennison, who were lost in the thick forests of the White mountains for three days, divided the fruits of their courage yesterday. Atty. Daniel H. Coakley of Boston, brother of Mrs. Dennison, paid the men who found the couple and assisted in getting them out of the woods, a total of \$2,100.

Earl Gould and Scott Copp, the two lads who came on Mr. and Mrs. Dennison lying in an abandoned shack on the banks of Dead Diamond stream, received \$800 apiece, as did Thomas Tracy, manager of Brown farm, 12 miles from Dead Diamond, who went into the woods with his backboard and brought the couple back to civilization.

One hundred dollars each was given to Bert Hill, John Shallow and Edward McLaughlin, the guides who went in to assist in the rescue party.

The former assistant district attorney and his wife are apparently but little the worse for their experience to-day.

WILSON GOES TO VOTE.

He Was Accompanied to Princeton by His Wife.

Long Branch, N. J., Sept. 26.—President Wilson left here this morning for Princeton to vote in the Democratic primaries, accompanied by Mrs. Wilson.

TROOP TRAINS WILL ARRIVE THIS EVENING

First Section Was Hauled onto Vermont Territory at North Bennington Early This Afternoon, After the Long Journey from Eagle Pass

REACH BURLINGTON AFTER 6 O'CLOCK

Col. Reeves' Intention Is to Keep Men in the Railroad Yard at Burlington and Take Them to Fort Ethan Allen on Wednesday

St. Albans, Sept. 26.—The First Vermont infantry, back from its long stay at Eagle Pass, Texas, will arrive at Fort Ethan Allen either to-night or to-morrow morning. It is possible for the trains to pull into the siding at the fort to-night, but unless Col. Reeves changes his present plans the cars will be left in the Burlington yard, where they are expected to arrive this evening.

The first of the three sections reached North Bennington at 2 o'clock this afternoon and is expected to arrive in Burlington shortly after 6 o'clock. The railroad is under orders not to move the trains from Burlington to the fort after 6 o'clock unless Col. Reeves directs. If he does not, the men will pass the night in their berths and will be taken to the fort early to-morrow morning.

Burlington Citizens to Give Welcome.

Burlington, Sept. 26.—The 1st Vermont infantry is expected to arrive here at 6 o'clock to-night, and the citizens will give an informal reception.

MORE RIOTING IN NEW YORK

Sticks and Stones Thrown at Elevated Train and One Man is Charged with Carrying Revolver.

New York, Sept. 26.—Disorder again broke out during the early hours of to-day in connection with the street railway strike. According to the police, a dozen elevated trains were bombarded with sticks and stones thrown from roof tops by strikers and sympathizers. Three persons were injured by glass when the windows of a Third avenue elevated train were shattered. Two arrests were made, one man being charged with carrying a revolver.

With labor leaders continuing their efforts to bring about a general suspension of work as an aid to the striking carmen in this city, members of the legislature from the metropolis, at a meeting yesterday, decided to urge Governor Whitman to convene the legislature in extraordinary session to deal with the strike situation.

The governor arrived in the city last night and it was expected that a committee appointed by the legislators would wait upon him to-day. The labor leaders have set Wednesday as the time for a general tie-up of the city's industries.

Nearly 40 per cent of the 800,000 union workers in New York and vicinity have avowed their intention of quitting their places, according to Hugh Frazer, organizer of the American Federation of Labor.

Discussion in labor circles not in sympathy with the plans of conference leaders, took the form yesterday of favoring a 48-hour "demonstration" rather than a general strike. If organized workers suspended operations for a short period, just to show their strength, it was asserted, the way would be paved for a settlement of the traction strike.

The first accident on a subway line since the strike began, Sept. 6, occurred yesterday. Thirteen persons were injured, two seriously, in a rear-end collision at the 207th street station on that part of the subway system running on an elevated structure above the street. It was said that the motorman of the rear train leaped from his post and allowed the train to crash into the rear of an empty train standing at the station. He was arrested. The smashed cars caught fire, but the blaze was quickly extinguished.

AUTO RAN OVER BANK

Killing One of Occupants, Mrs. O. E. Blackden of Presque Isle, Me.

Presque Isle, Me., Sept. 26.—Mrs. O. E. Blackden, wife of the proprietor of the Presque Isle house, was killed yesterday near Woodstock, N. B., and Mr. Blackden was injured when an automobile in which they were riding with two companions ran over an embankment. The party returned here last night, bringing the body of Mrs. Blackden.

34 NEW CASES

Of Infantile Paralysis Develop in Massachusetts.

Boston, Sept. 26.—Thirty-four new cases of infantile paralysis, including seven in Holyoke and five in this city, were reported to the state department of health to-day, making a total of 323 cases this month.

Increase in New York Deaths.

New York, Sept. 26.—Twenty new cases of infantile paralysis and 11 deaths were reported to-day.

NORTHFIELD FAIR GROUNDS BUSY PLACE TO-DAY

44th Annual Fair Opened This Afternoon and Will Continue to Thursday Night—Many Race Horses on Grounds.

Northfield, Sept. 26.—The grounds of the Dog River Valley Fair association were a busy place this forenoon when many people were getting ready for the 44th annual fair of the association. Exhibits were being placed and stalls were assigned for stock this morning. Fifteen race horses were on the grounds, and the entries for the racing will close to-night. The fair will run three days, including this afternoon and closing Thursday night.

FINE FAIR PLANNED.

By East Montpelier Grange for Sept. 30.

The annual East Montpelier grange fair will be held Sept. 30, opening with a grand parade of teams, floats, automobiles, stock, ponies, horses, etc., at 11 a. m. The following are the committees in charge of the various departments: Stock, C. A. Badger; horses, George H. Clark; ponies, A. N. Stratton; parade, L. W. Sibley, Jason Bailey; horticulture, Guy W. Raymond, Merl Benjamin; poultry, F. W. Strong; automobiles, C. P. Dudley; fruit, H. Lee Templeton; vegetables, H. W. Vincent; Lyle Young; canned goods, Mrs. A. I. Green; fancy work, Mrs. L. W. Sibley; Mrs. L. C. Hammett; antiques, Herbert Kelton; flowers, Mrs. E. W. Strong.

Stock judging contest under the supervision of County Agent Abbott. Those who plan to exhibit stock should notify C. A. Badger of East Montpelier. L. C. Hammett, Mrs. Mary Vincent and Herbert Kelton are the committee on children's exhibits. Home-made candy will be on sale and dinner will be served at 2:30 p. m. The Marshall band will furnish music and a large crowd is expected. George McKnight, R. C. Collins and Harold Chappell are the general committee.

The following is the premium list: Best display of stock by one owner; best Jersey cow; best Holstein cow; best Ayrshire cow; best cow of any other breed; best pair steers three years old or over; best pair steers one year old or over; best heifer one year old or over of any breed; best heifer one year old or over of any breed; best bull calf of any breed; best heifer calf of any breed.

GOV. GATES SPENT \$297 IN CANVASS

John E. Weeks Spent \$330.85, Over Half of Which Was for Political Advertising—Other Expense Accounts Filed.

Gov. C. W. Gates spent in his campaign for nomination for United States senator in the recent primary the sum of \$297, according to his sworn statement which was filed to-day in the local office of the secretary of state. The statement, like several others, was filed at Essex Junction last week and has been forwarded. Most of the money expended by Gov. Gates went for postage.

Judge John E. Weeks, defeated for the nomination for lieutenant governor, spent \$330.85, over half of which was paid for political advertising. Oscar C. Miller, the Democratic nominee for the United States senatorship, paid out two cents; the expenses of Porter H. Dale, nominated for Congress from the second district, were \$19.44, and Emmet B. Daley of Bennington, Democratic nominee for Congress, did not spend anything to secure the nomination.

LEFT HIS FAMILY.

And Went Away with Young Woman—Both Arrested.

North Fairfax, Sept. 26.—Frank Turner, jr., of Rutland, who has a wife and four children, and Miss Ruth Coolidge of North Clarendon, were arrested here yesterday at the home of Mr. Turner's sister, Mrs. Fred Cross, by Chief of Police J. F. Mahoney of St. Albans at the request of of Rutland officers. Turner is 30 years old and Miss Coolidge is 17. They were taken to the Franklin county jail at St. Albans. No formal charge has been made against them. Turner's daughter, Florence, about six years old, was with them.

The couple arrived at St. Albans Saturday evening and went to the home of Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner, sr., of Federal street. Sunday they came here.

Turner told the officer that he made up his mind he could live no longer with his wife, that he had determined to go away and write back and that if she would "do differently" he would return. If not, he said, he was going to try to find work and send her money to live on.

The story told by the girl was to the effect that she met Turner on the street in Rutland, that he told her he was going away, that later she met him at the station and against his protests insisted on going with him. She said she boarded the train and that he was forced to pay her fare on the cars. She declared that she planned to return Tuesday or the next day, and that Turner told her she must. She also said that she was introduced to Turner by his wife.

FUNERAL OF W. H. NOONAN.

Was Held at St. Monica's Church This Morning.

Funeral services for William H. Noonan, a former resident of Barre, whose death occurred in Chicago Saturday morning, were held in St. Monica's church this morning at 6 o'clock, the parish priest, Rev. P. M. McKenna, officiating. The bearers were: John J. Cayhne, Henry Alexander, A. J. Gauthier, George W. Gorman, and Frank and William Noonan, nephews of the deceased. Over the M. & W. R. railroad at 7:20 o'clock, the body was taken to St. Johnsbury for burial.

In the funeral party were the following people: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Noonan, Mrs. Carpenter, Frank and William Noonan, Mrs. Katherine Hannon, Mrs. Mary McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Gauthier, Miss Elizabeth Gorman, George W. Gorman and Joseph M. Nelson.

TEAM OWNERS WIN SUIT

Irvin J. Boyce Gets Verdict of \$67 from Fred A. Millan, Motorist

AND ARTHUR BARBER FROM JACOB AARON

Fred J. Jewett Given Verdict of \$100 Suit Brought by Nellie H. Morse

About the defendant being represented in court in person or by counsel, a case of Irvin J. Boyce vs. Fred A. Millan of Barre was tried yesterday afternoon in Washington county court, the plaintiff's witnesses were examined, and a verdict returned for the plaintiff to recover damages of \$67. The case commenced at 3 o'clock following the disposal of the Morse-Jewett case and went to the jury shortly after 4 o'clock.

The plaintiff asked damages as the result of a collision between his team and the defendant's automobile in which he asserted the defendant was at fault. The accident occurred over a year ago near the three-mile bridge, below Montpelier junction. It is understood that the defendant is out of the state, but had been notified of the trial.

In the case of Nellie H. Morse, executrix, vs. Fred A. Jewett, a verdict for the defendant to recover his costs was returned by the jury at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Jacob Aaron, a former jitter driver, the defendant in a suit brought by Arthur Barber of Barre, was surrendered in court yesterday by his bondsman, Harris Yett, and being unable to secure other bail was committed to jail. A judgment for the plaintiff to recover \$375 was entered on the docket. Aaron ran his jitter into a milk team owned and driven by Barber in Barre last summer.

The case of Frank Duprey vs. Charles Duprey, general assumpsit, was entered with the clerk to-day. The next case for trial is that of Frank J. George vs. Asia McCullough, involving \$1200 as the result of the sale of timber land in Fayston.

TAKEN TO COUNTY COURT.

Cases Against Mrs. Gladys Brothers and Alexander Shea.

Barre officers yesterday aided State's Atty. F. E. Gleason in rounding up a man and woman from Montpelier who are charged with adultery offenses, it being alleged that the violations were committed in this city Saturday. On a complaint made to the state attorney, Constable George L. Morris last night arrested Mrs. Gladys Brothers, whom he found in Iona Bennett's house on River street. The woman was locked up at police headquarters and later in the evening the other alleged principal in the case, Alexander Shea, also of Montpelier, was arrested at the capital by Chief Sinclair and brought to this city. According to a complaint made by Mrs. Brothers' husband, his wife came to Barre Saturday and was joined afterward by Shea, who is a mill hand.

The Brothers woman was arraigned first this morning. Before Magistrate H. W. Scott she entered a plea of not guilty and a similar plea was made by Shea when he appeared in court. Man and woman were represented by J. Ward Carver. Bail for each respondent was fixed at \$500 and had not been furnished at noon. After the arraignments, an information against each respondent was filed by the state's attorney, and the cases transferred to Washington county court.

RIGOROUS PRECAUTION.

To Prevent Infantile Paralysis Reaching Morrisville.

Morrisville, Sept. 26.—A case of infantile paralysis having appeared in Morrisville, a meeting of the local board of health of Morrisville was held, with two of the local physicians besides the health officer present, also several business men, and the question of closing the schools and other public places was thoroughly discussed. The secretary of the state board of health was consulted over the telephone, and it was finally decided to close the churches and local theatrum, but allow the schools to continue, all of the five physicians of Morrisville to be at the village schools each morning for a period of two weeks to examine every pupil with the understanding that the parents should have the option of keeping their children at home providing they confine them strictly to their own premises, keeping them apart from all other children; otherwise, that they would be compelled to attend school or be quarantined for a period of two weeks.

BODY FOUND IN BARN.

Martin Quinn Died of Apoplexy, the Autopsy Revealed.

Fair Haven, Sept. 26.—The body of Martin Quinn, about 65 years old, was found yesterday in the barn of Charles Young of Hampton, N. Y., an autopsy disclosing the fact that the man died of apoplexy.

Quinn was a wanderer and as far as could be learned had no near relatives. He was known at West Rutland but no member of his family could be located there. Coroner Cutters of Whitehall was called and the autopsy was performed by Drs. Joslyn and Faulkenburg of that place.

The body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Green Brothers in this town where the funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon. Burial will be in Hampton.